

Council Approves Budget For 2018-19 Fiscal Year

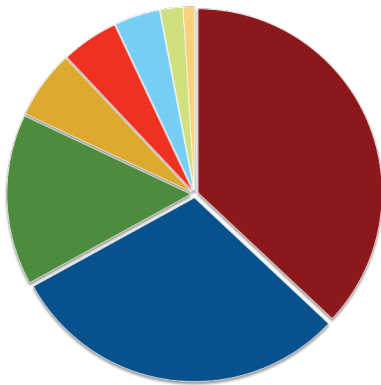
“This has been a difficult year financially with little growth in property taxes but we have a strong budgeting process in place,” said City Manager W. Lane Bailey. “There are positive outlooks on our horizon including the recent approval of the lease of our broadband utility to Hotwire Communications. We are happy to have a budget that will aid in advancing the City’s goals and maintain our strong commitment to public safety and core municipal services.”

Salisbury City Council voted on Tuesday, June 19 to approve the fiscal year July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019 (FY19) budget. The \$84,927,408 balanced budget reflects a 1.4% increase in spending from the FY18 adopted budget. City Manager W. Lane Bailey recommended the adopted one-cent tax increase for homeowners to maintain existing services at current levels. The one-cent tax increase equates to an average, additional \$13.55 for homeowners with a median home value of \$135,500 in Salisbury.

The FY19 budget highlights include:

- \$250,000 Newsome Road Extension (reimbursable from Transportation Improvement Funds by 2019/2020)
- \$350,000 Enterprise Resource Planning Software
- \$400,000 Housing Stabilization and Revitalization Plan
- \$350,000 Bell Tower Green Park
- \$361, 500 Roof and HVAC replacements
- \$400,000 Fire Station Construction (to be reimbursed with future debt)
- \$850,000 Quint Fire Truck
- \$24,240 Additional Police Vehicle

Where does your tax dollar go?



\$1.00	Expenses per tax dollar:
■ \$0.37	Public Safety (Fire, Police)
■ \$0.30	General Government (Council, Administration, HR, IT, Finance, Fleet)
■ \$0.15	Transportation (Engineering, Streets & Lighting, Traffic Control)
■ \$0.06	Community & Economic Development
■ \$0.05	Environmental Protection (Cemeteries, Solid Waste Management)
■ \$0.04	Culture & Parks and Recreation
■ \$0.02	Debt Service
■ \$0.01	Environmental Protection (Cemeteries, Solid Waste Management)

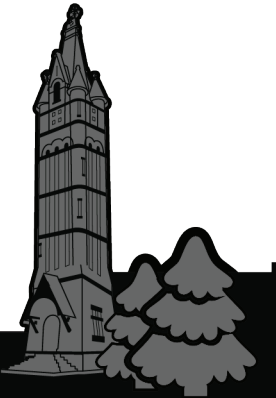
A recommended 2.15% water and sewer increase based on the Consumer Price Index for urban consumers for the South Region (CPI-U). The increase equates to an additional \$1.45 per month (or less than \$0.05 per day) for customers using 5,000 gallons. Increased funding was approved for water and wastewater rehabilitation projects. Several larger Capital Improvement Plan projects were also funded including the Grant Creek pump station and screenings project - infrastructure designed to move partially-treated wastewater from a lower to a higher elevation for further treatment.

Stormwater fees were also revised to provide a more equitable distribution between residential and non-residential customers. Residential customers should see a slight reduction in their stormwater bills as the Equivalent Residential Unit rate (ERU) adjusts for commercial

properties with larger areas of pavement surfaces. The new structure is expected to provide funding for several projects needed to reduce flooding and pollution in Salisbury.

The budget also included a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) of 1.8% for all employees, and a 1.2% average merit increase to compensate employees at rates that reflect inflation, while establishing a merit system to recognize outstanding service and retain high-quality employees.

A public hearing on the budget was held Tuesday, June 5 at City Hall, where residents were able to voice their opinions prior to the Council vote today.



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THE LAMPLIGHTER

City of Salisbury Newsletter

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EVENT CALENDAR: AUGUST

City Council Meetings

Attend public City Council meetings to find out what's happening in your city.
Tuesday, August 7 and 21 - starts at 5 p.m.
City Hall, 217 S. Main St.

Movies in the Park

Watch free showings of popular movies at City Park with your friends and family. Bring your own blanket or chair.
Coco - Friday, August 3
Movie begins at 9 p.m.
City Park, 316 Lake Dr.

National Night Out At Fred M. Evans Pool

Come out to meet your neighbors and enjoy the pool and splash pad. Free food, games, music and swimming for you and your family!
Tuesday, August 7 - from 6 - 8 p.m.
Fred M. Evans Pool, 110 Old Concord Rd.

College Night Out

Enjoy a fun night of networking, community, fun and games downtown targeted towards college students courtesy of DSI, RCCC, Livingstone College, Catawba College and Hood Theological Seminary.
Thursday, August 22 - from 6 - 9 p.m.
Downtown Salisbury

Chit, Chat & Chew

The community is invited to have dinner and connect with City Council and staff to discuss civic issues, plans and concerns. Open to the public and the FREE dinner begins at 5:15 p.m.
Friday, August 23 - starts at 5 p.m.
Destiny City Church, 2324 S. Main St.

National Night Out Returns to Salisbury

Neighborhoods in Salisbury are encouraged to host a National Night Out celebration, Tuesday, Aug. 7, with music, food, children's games and other outdoor activities. Founded in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and builds neighborhood camaraderie. The nighttime event, typically held the first Tuesday in August, also increases awareness of local law enforcement programs such as neighborhood watch and anti-crime initiatives.



Salisbury neighborhoods, in conjunction with Parks and Recreation and SPD, are expected to welcome residents at various apartment complexes, the Fred Evans pool, churches, the Women's Club, City Park and the Salvation Army. National Night Out participants who are planning evening activities are encouraged to post photographs on social media platforms using the hashtag #SalisburyNightOut.

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Groundbreaking for pre-Civil War African-American Cemetery

The City of Salisbury and Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project Task Force (pictured above) joined community and business leaders to celebrate the Thursday, May 31 groundbreaking for the Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial, a project to honor a pre-Civil War African-American cemetery.

"This is an exciting day for our City. The groundbreaking is not only significant to individuals who lived or currently reside in the east end but to all Salisbury residents," said Emily Perry, Task Force Chairwoman. "It is important for citizens to know the history of urban renewal and the result it has on today's Salisbury. The knowledge of understanding the past can have a profound effect on our present. I commend the efforts of the City, Task Force and North Carolina A&T State University for their support."

The Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial Project, a three-phased initiative, will consist of a memorial walk to enhance the front of the cemetery with patterned sidewalks and granite steps, an interpretive walk where visitors may gather, study and reflect on the history of the Cemetery, and a proposed revitalization of the Lincoln School.

Salisbury City Council, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of

North Carolina, the Blanche and Julian Robertson Family Foundation, the Margaret C. Woodson Foundation and other private donations have contributed to the memorial's construction estimated to cost more than \$570,000. Thus far, the Task Force has raised \$237,846.

To learn more about Dixonville-Lincoln Memorial or to invest in Salisbury's heritage – past, present and future, visit dixonvillememorial.com.

SUMMER SPRUCE UP

— week —
Old Appliances
Tires Without Rims
— limit 5 per location —

NO COMPUTERS OR TVS
*** NO BUILDING MATERIALS ***
(No carpet, padding, sheetrock, sinks, lumber, commodes, windows, etc.)

JULY 23-27
Place items at the curb on your regular collection day before 7 a.m.

This collection is for RESIDENTS living inside the city limits of Salisbury only.

NO BUSINESSES
If you have questions, please contact us
(704) 638-5260 or ncast@salisburync.gov



Reminder To Protect Your Car

Did you know that in the past year around 288 vehicles have been broken into in the City of Salisbury? In an effort to reduce theft from cars, the Salisbury Police Department (SPD) is launching a campaign to remind residents to "Lock it, Take it, or Lose it."

If you're running into the store for a can of Cheerwine, that's too long to leave your vehicle unlocked and unoccupied. SPD reported that 60 percent of break-ins resulted in the vehicle being unlocked or leaving valuables where they can be easily seen. By simply locking your car doors, taking valuables with you, or storing them away in your trunk can help reduce the risk of thieves stealing from your car.

You might be wondering what items thieves typically look for? The answer is EVERYTHING, but here are some tips on how to keep your valuables safe:

- 1) Never leave electronics, such as cell phones, laptops, GPS devices or iPad's in plain sight.
- 2) Be sure to hide all loose change.
- 3) Always park in well-lit areas and avoid concealment from larger vehicles.
- 4) Remove purses or book bags.
- 5) Completely close windows and sunroofs.

**LOCK IT,
TAKE IT,
—OR—
LOSE IT!**

It is encouraged to put shopping bags in the trunk when you return to the vehicle, rather than after you park at the next location.

Together, we can greatly reduce the chances of your vehicle becoming a target. For more information contact us at (704) 638-5333 or go to www.salisburync.gov/Police.



We're sharing the #PositiveGossip that's going on @CitySalisburyNC!



LOCAL WOMAN THANKS RESCUERS

On Monday, July 12, 2017, Kendra Whitaker was trapped in her Toyota car for about an hour while responders worked to free her. She was then airlifted to Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. After multiple surgeries and a year of recovery, Kendra stopped by Fire Station 1 today to thank the firefighters who helped her.

Posted June 15

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CITY VISITS OLD PLANK RD RESIDENTS

Good morning Old Plank Road residents! We are meeting our neighborhoods this morning in advance of the Tuesday, June 26, Chit, Chat & Chew at J.C. Price Legion Post.

Tweeted June 15

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BEAT THE HEAT WITH RUFTY HOLMES

Are you looking to beat the heat? Well look no further because Salisbury Transit provides bus rides to the Rufty-Holmes Senior Center and its two lunch club sites! For more information about Salisbury Transit routes, visit salisburync.gov/transit.

Posted June 12

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SPD OFFICERS TREAT LOCAL SCHOOL KIDS

Today our officers delivered ice cream to our teachers at Salisbury High School, Henderson High School, Knox Middle School and Wiley Lash Head Start. We really appreciate our educators and what they do for the children in our community.

Posted June 11

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DIVISION CHIEF REACHES 25 YEARS

Congratulations on 25 YEARS OF SERVICE to Division Chief Jay Baker, who shows that even after all that time - he's not above picking up some hose with the crews after a reported apartment fire. Congratulations, Chief - your service is an inspiration and example to all.

Tweeted May 24

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